



KEY VOTE: YES on OMNIBUS TRADE BILL (HR 6406)

December 7, 2006

Dear Representative:

I am writing to urge you to **VOTE YES on HR 6406** when it comes before the House of Representatives.

The legislation contains many important provisions, including:

- An extension of the Andean trade program, which expires in less than 30 days. Extension of this important program will preserve a key market for U.S. yarns and fabric while helping our Andean partners combat the war on drugs.
- An extension of expiring provisions in the AGOA program – including the third country fabric rule – which has generated economic growth throughout sub Saharan Africa.
- An enhanced partnership with Haiti to promote economic development in that country while providing improved export opportunities for U.S. textile interests.
- An extension of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program to support trade with developing countries.
- Duty suspensions and reductions on many products that are not made in the United States but which are used by U.S. manufacturers.
- Permanent normal trade relations (PNTR) with Vietnam so the United States can fully avail itself of the benefits of Vietnam's accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO), which will take place early next month.

These trade measures will provide many benefits for U.S. businesses, U.S. workers, and U.S. consumers while supporting important partnerships in the Western Hemisphere, Africa, and in Asia.

We urge you to support this important package and **VOTE YES on HR 6406**.

Sincerely,

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